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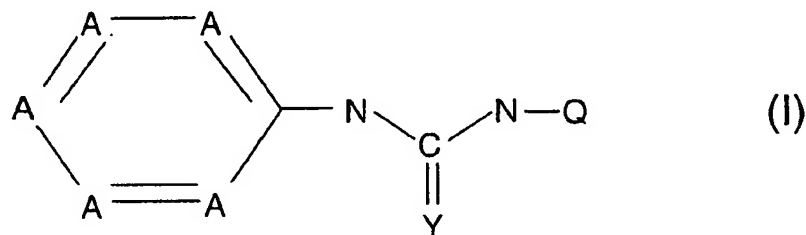
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(54) **Aryl urea compounds as BETA-secretase inhibitors**

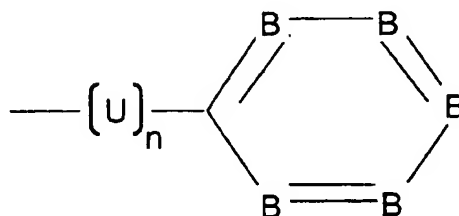
(57) It has been found that compounds of formula I



wherein

A is N or CR, Y is O or S and

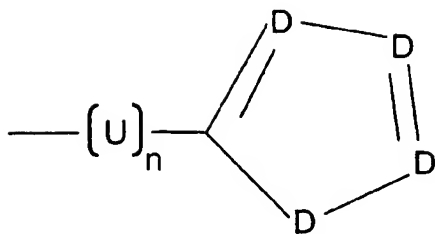
Q is an aromatic group or an araliphatic group having the following formula



wherein

B = N or CR¹,

or Q has the following formula



wherein

D = O or S or N or NR₄ or CR₅

are good β -secretase inhibitors for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

DescriptionField of the Invention

[0001] This invention relates to aryl urea and aryl thiourea compounds, in particular to such compounds acting as beta-secretase inhibitors.

Background Art

[0002] Alzheimer's disease (AD) is the most common form of dementia among older people, and affects parts of the brain that control thought, memory and language. Susceptibility to Alzheimer's disease increases with age, but Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of the ageing process.

[0003] A characteristic of this disease is the presence of extracellular senile plaque, the major component of which is the β -amyloid peptide ($A\beta$). The hydrophobic, 39-43-amino-acid-long $A\beta$ peptide is excised from the amyloid precursor protein (APP) by sequential cleavage by the so-called β - and γ -secretases.

[0004] Known genetic predispositions for AD mostly affect genes involved in $A\beta$ generation or $A\beta$ deposition. Since the $A\beta$ peptide seems to play an important role in the pathogenesis of AD, current therapeutic strategies often focus on inhibition of $A\beta$ deposition and generation. Inhibition of β -secretase activity represents an attractive option to achieve this goal.

[0005] Despite major efforts to identify novel β -secretase inhibitors by applying in vitro high-throughput screening (HTS) assays with purified soluble BACE-1 fragments and fluorogenic peptide substrates, the best progress towards efficient BACE-1 inhibition has been achieved so far by the use of peptidic transition-state mimetic compounds. However, for efficient inhibition of β -secretase in cells, their molecular weight must be reduced and their structure modified so as to allow for permeation of cellular membranes, the blood-brain barrier and for activity in the natural cellular environment.

[0006] There also exist some assays for identifying low molecular weight inhibitors of secretases that can block these membrane-bound enzymes at the natural location within intracellular compartments. Cell-based HTS assays, however, are generally faced with the problem that selection signals are often caused by compounds that interfere with cellular processes or pathways that are redundant with that of the target. For example, some compounds found by mammalian cell based assays impair the production of $A\beta$ through the increase of the pH in intracellular compartments, or they function through protein phosphorylation, or they simply catalyze polymerization of $A\beta$, thus reducing the percentage of soluble peptide.

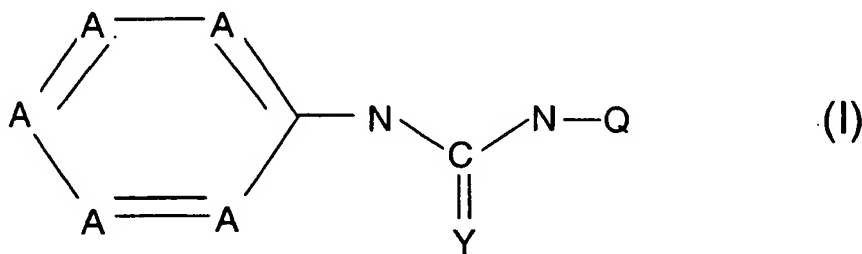
[0007] Some candidate compounds for inhibiting the production of $A\beta$ peptide in a biological system have been proposed in US 5,814,646 and US 5,624,937.

[0008] Nevertheless, there is still a need for potent β -secretase inhibitors that directly inhibit β -secretase.

Disclosure of the Invention

[0009] Hence, it is a general object of the invention to provide compounds that directly act as β -secretase inhibitors.

[0010] Now, in order to implement these and still further objects of the invention, which will become more readily apparent as the description proceeds, the β -secretase inhibitors of the present invention are manifested by the following formula I



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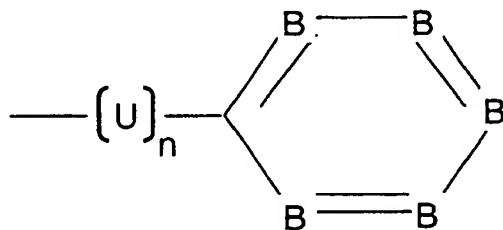
A = N or CR wherein

R is independently from each other selected from H, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, halo-C₁-C₆-alkyl, e.g. CF₃, C₁-C₆-alkyl-carbonyl, halogen, an -NR₂R₃ group

wherein R₂ and R₃ are independently from each other H, linear or branched C₁-C₆-alkyl, in particular linear or branched C₁-C₄-alkyl, or R₂ and R₃ form together with the nitrogen to which they are bound an aliphatic or aromatic 5- or 6-membered one or more heteroatoms comprising heterocycle, e.g. a piperidino, a piperazino or a morpholino group, and wherein

Y = O or S,

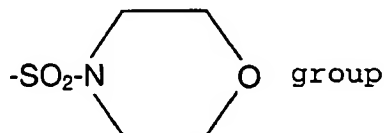
Q = an aromatic group or an araliphatic group having the following formula



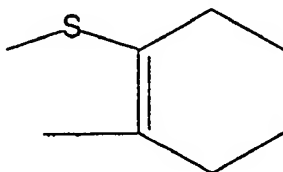
wherein

B = N or CR', wherein

R' is independently from each other selected from the group comprising hydrogen, halogen, in particular F, a C₁-C₆-alkyl group, in particular a C₁-C₄-alkyl group, an -NR₂R₃ group wherein R₂ and R₃ are independently from each other H, linear or branched C₁-C₆-alkyl, in particular linear or branched C₁-C₄-alkyl, or R₂ and R₃ form together with the nitrogen to which they are bound an aliphatic or aromatic 5- or 6-membered one or more heteroatoms comprising heterocycle, e.g. a piperidino, a piperazino or a morpholino group, an amido group, an ester group, a



or two adjacent R' form a group



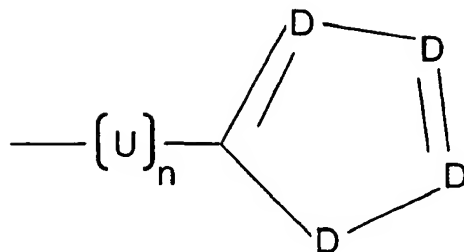
U = -CH₂-, C=O, -(CH₂)_nS-, -(CH₂)_nO-, -(CH₂)_nNH-, or



wherein the heterocycle is optionally substituted, in particular by one or two C₁-C₄-alkyl groups or such that a bicycle is formed, and

n independently from each other is 0, 1 or 2,

or Q has the following formula



wherein

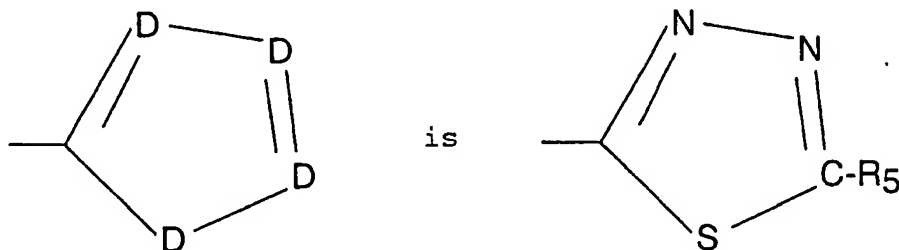
D = O or S or N or NR₄ or CR₅, wherein

R₄ is linear or branched C₁-C₆-alkyl, in particular C₁-C₄-alkyl

R₅ is independently from each other selected from C₁-C₆-alkylthio, aryl-C₁-C₆-alkylthio, aryloxy-C₁-C₆-alkyl, arylthio-C₁-C₆-alkyl, alkyloxy-C₁-C₆-alkyl, alkylthio-C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkyloxy, aryl-C₁-C₆-alkyloxy and optionally substituted linear or branched C₁-C₆-alkyl,

U and n are as defined above,

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof,
with the proviso that in the case that n is 0 and



[0011] R₅ is substituted linear or branched C₁-C₆-alkyl, preferably linear or branched C₁-C₄-alkyl, with the substituent being selected from O-R₁₃ or S-R₁₃ or N-R₁₃R₁₃' with R₁₃ and R₁₃' being independently selected from the group consisting of unsubstituted or substituted 5- or 6-membered aryl, unsubstituted or substituted 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, with the substituents of the aryl or heteroaryl group being as defined for R, linear or branched C₁-C₆-alkyl and C₅-C₆-cycloalkyl, in particular from the group consisting of O-R₁₃ or S-R₁₃ with R₁₃ being selected from the group consisting of 5- or 6-membered aryl, and linear or branched C₁-C₄-alkyl.

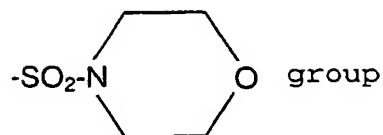
[0012] It has been found that compounds of formula (I) are efficient in inhibiting β -secretase activity. Thus, such compounds are suitable in the treatment and prophylaxis of β -secretase activity related diseases such as Alzheimer's disease, Down's syndrome, and advanced aging of brain.

[0013] In presently slightly preferred inhibitors

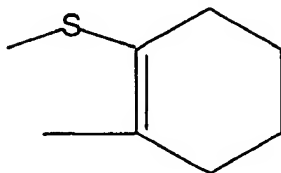
R is independently from each other selected from H, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, halo-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyl, halogen, an -NR₂R₃ group wherein R₂ and R₃ are independently from each other H or linear or branched C₁-C₄-alkyl, or R₂ and R₃ form together with the nitrogen to which they are bound an aliphatic or aromatic 5- or 6-membered one or more heteroatoms comprising heterocycle,

R' is independently from each other selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, in particular F, a C₁-C₄-alkyl group, an -NR₂R₃ group

wherein R₂ and R₃ are independently from each other H or linear or branched C₁-C₄-alkyl, or R₂ and R₃ form together with the nitrogen to which they are bound an aliphatic or aromatic 5- or 6-membered one or more heteroatoms comprising heterocycle, an amido group, an ester group, a



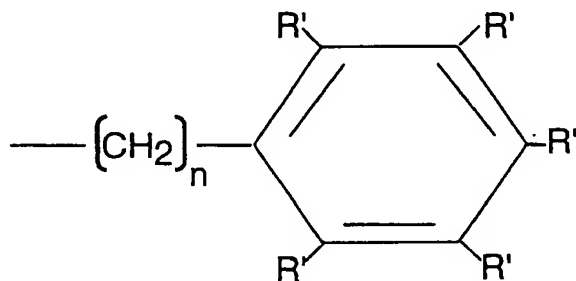
10 or two adjacent R' form a group



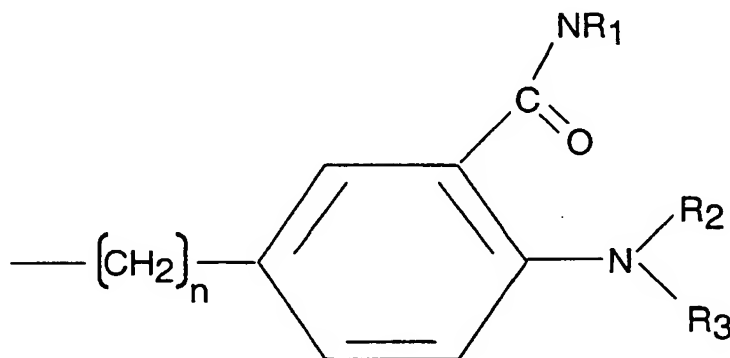
20 and

R₅ is independently from each other selected from C₁-C₄-alkylthio, aryl-C₁-C₄-alkylthio, aryloxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, arylthio-C₁-C₄-alkyl, alkyloxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, alkylthio-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkyloxy, aryl-C₁-C₄-alkyloxy and optionally substituted linear or branched C₁-C₄-alkyl, preferably substituted linear or branched C₁-C₄-alkyl, with the substituent being selected from O-R₁₃ or S-R₁₃ with R₁₃ being selected from the group consisting of 5- or 6-membered aryl, 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, linear or branched C₁-C₄-alkyl and C₅-C₆-cycloalkyl.

[0014] Preferred is a Q that is



40 wherein R' and n are as defined above, and especially a Q selected from



wherein

R_1 is optionally substituted C_1 - C_4 -alkyl,
wherein the substituents are selected from optionally halogen substituted aryl, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, or morpholinyl,

$R_2 = C_1$ - C_6 -alkyl,

$R_3 = C_1$ - C_6 -alkyl,

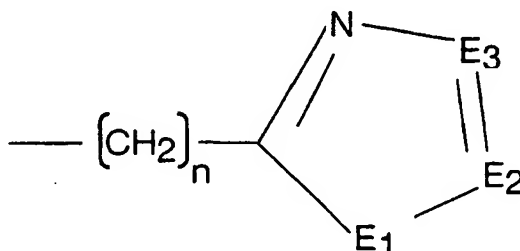
or R_2 and R_3 form together with the nitrogen to which they are bound a 5-membered or a 6-membered aliphatic or aromatic ring, and

$n = 0, 1$ or 2 , whereby in especially preferred embodiments

$R_2 = C_1$ - C_4 -alkyl, and

$R_3 = C_1$ - C_4 -alkyl,

or Q is



wherein

$E_1 = NR_4$ or S or O, wherein

R_4 is linear or branched C_1 - C_4 -alkyl,

$E_2 = CR_5$ or N, wherein

R_5 is C_1 - C_4 -alkylthio, aryl- C_1 - C_4 -alkylthio, aryloxy- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl,

$E_3 = E_2$ with the proviso that if E_2 is CR_5 , E_3 is N and if E_2 is N, E_3 is CR_5 , and

n is as defined above.

[0015] In a preferred embodiment

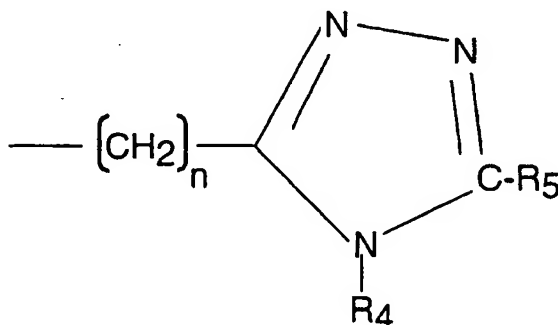
$A = CR$, wherein R is independently selected from H, CH_3 , CH_2CH_3 , OCH_3 , $COCH_3$, Cl, Br, CF_3 , more preferred selected from H, CH_3 , CH_2CH_3 , OCH_3 , Cl, Br, CF_3 .

[0016] In an also preferred embodiment, Q is 3-amido-4-amino-substituted phenyl as shown above with

$R_1 = C_3$ -alkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy- C_2 - C_3 -alkyl, an optionally p-fluoro substituted phenyl- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, and/or

$R_2 = R_3 = -CH_3$

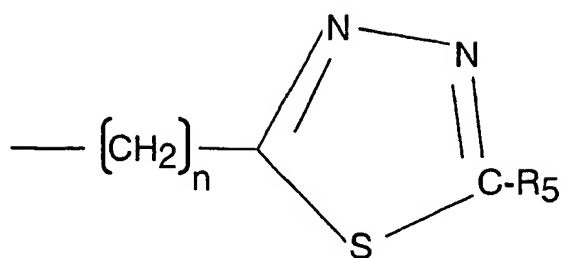
or Q is



wherein

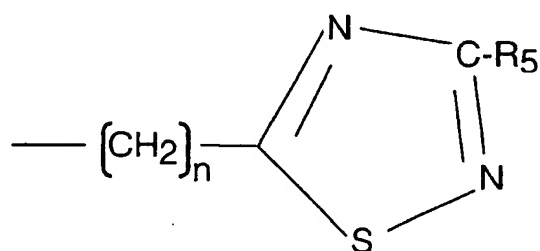
$R_4 =$ linear or branched C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, in particular CH_3 or $-CH(CH_3)_2$

$R_5 = C_1-C_4$ -alkylthio, and
 $n = 1$ or 2 ,
 or Q is



wherein

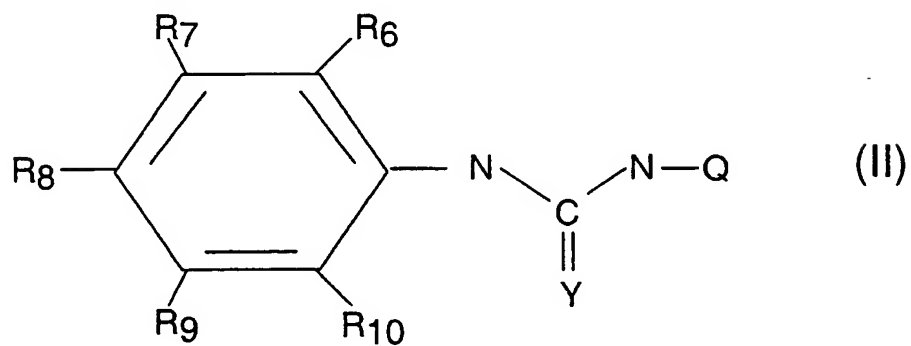
$n = 0$,
 $R_5 =$ aryloxy- C_1-C_4 alkyl, in particular phenoxy- C_1-C_4 alkyl, especially 1-phenoxy-ethyl,
 or Q is



wherein

$n = 0$,
 $R_5 = C_1-C_4$ -alkylthio.

[0017] In a preferred embodiment, the compound is a compound of formula (II)



wherein

R_6 = H or halogen,

R_7 = H, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyl, halo-C₁-C₄-alkyl or halogen,

R_8 = H, C₁-C₄-alkyl or halogen,

R_9 = H, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy or halo-C₁-C₄-alkyl,

R_{10} = H or halogen, and

Y and Q are as defined above.

[0018] In more preferred compounds of formula (II)

R_6 = H or Br,

R_7 = H, C₁, CH₃, OCH₃, CO-CH₃, CF₃,

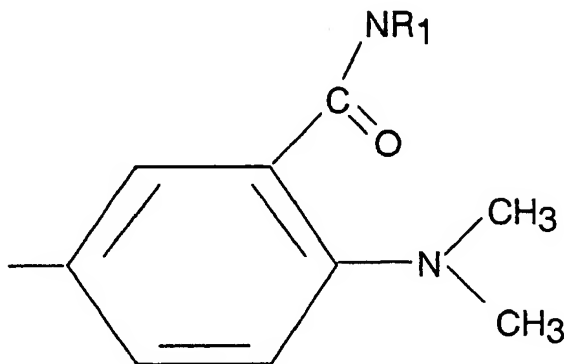
R_8 = H, CH₂CH₃, CH₃, C₁,

R_9 = H, CH₃, OCH₃, CF₃, and

R_{10} = H, Br.

[0019] Also with regard to formula (II) Y and Q are as any Y and Q defined above with regard to formula (I) with the same preferences.

[0020] Especially preferred Q are



wherein

R_1 is optionally substituted C₁-C₄-alkyl,

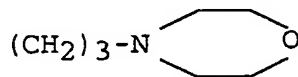
wherein the substituents are selected from optionally halogen substituted aryl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, morpholinyl

R_2 = C₁-C₄-alkyl

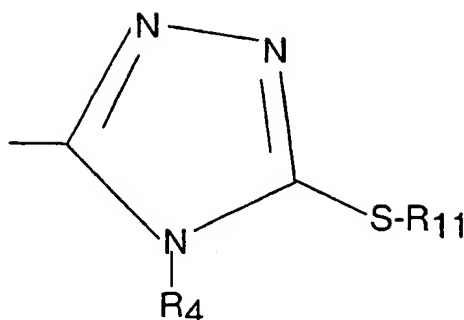
R_3 = C₁-C₄-alkyl, and

n = 0 or 1

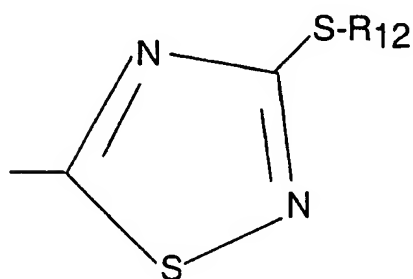
and preferably R_1 is CH₂CH₂CH₃, (CH₂)₃-OCH₃, (CH₂)₂-OCH₃, (CH₂)₃-OCH₂CH₃, CH₂CH₂-C₆H₅, p-F-benzyl, or



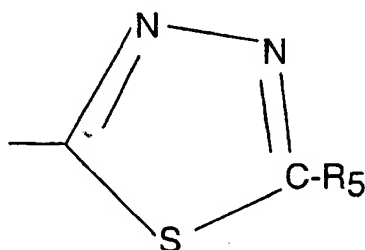
or Q is



15 wherein R_4 is CH_3 , $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, and R_{11} is CH_3 , CH_2CH_3 , $\text{CH}_2\text{-C}_6\text{H}_5$, or Q is



30 wherein R_{12} is CH_3 or CH_2CH_3 , in particular CH_2CH_3 or Q is



45 wherein R_5 is $-(\text{CH}_2)_m(\text{CR}_{13})(\text{OAr})$,

wherein R_{13} is H, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$ -alkyl, in particular methyl, Ar is phenyl or heteroaryl, in particular phenyl, and $m = 0, 1$ or 2 .

[0021] As already mentioned above, the compounds of the present invention can be administered for prophylactic and/or therapeutic treatment of diseases related to the deposition of amyloid beta-protein, such as Alzheimer's disease, Down's syndrome, and advanced aging of the brain. In therapeutic applications, the compounds are administered to a host already suffering from the disease. The compounds will be administered in an amount sufficient to inhibit further deposition of senile plaques. The specific dose of compound(s) administered according to this invention to obtain therapeutic and/or prophylactic effects will, of course, be determined by the particular circumstances, such as the specific compound administered, the condition being treated, etc. A daily dose will contain a dosage level of from about 0.01 mg/kg to about 50 mg/kg of body weight of an active compound, preferably from about 0.05 mg/kg to about 20 mg/kg, for example from about 0.1 mg/kg to about 120 mg/kg.

[0022] The compound can be administered by a variety of routes including oral, rectal, transdermal, subcutaneous, intravenous, intramuscular and intranasal either as such, but preferable in a formulation comprising carriers adjuvants etc. Suitable pharmaceutically acceptable solid and liquid carriers and/or pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvants, such as stabilizing agents, emulsifiers, etc. are known in the art.

[0023] For example, a typical pharmaceutical composition for intramuscular injection would contain about one μg to one mg of the compound in from one to four milliliters of sterile buffered water. The typical pharmaceutical composition for intravenous infusion would contain about one to one hundred milligrams of the compound in from one hundred to five hundred milliliters of sterile Ringer's solution.

5 [0024] The pharmaceutical formulations are prepared by known procedures using known and readily available ingredients.

Short Description of the Drawings

10 [0025]

Figure 1 shows the structure formulas of compounds A1 to A14 of Tables 1 and 4

Figure 2 shows the structure formulas of compounds B1 to B4 of Tables 2 and 5



Figure 3 shows the structure formula of compounds C1 to C6 of Tables 3 and 6.

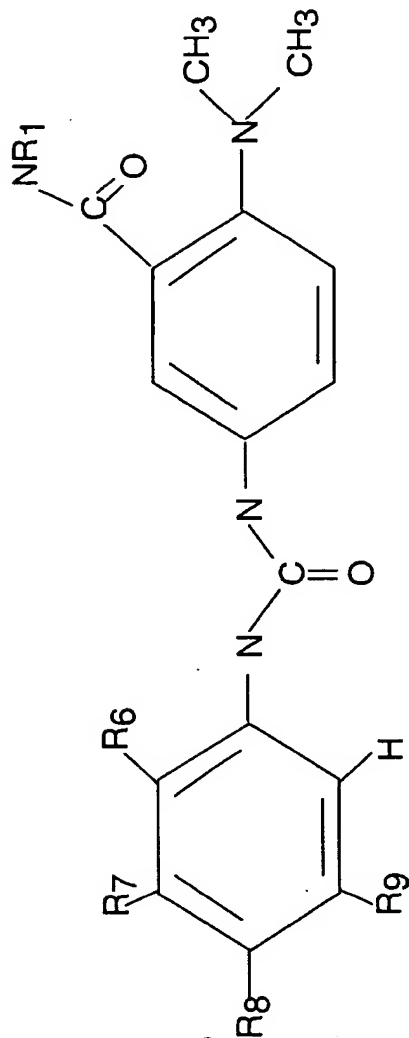
15 Modes for Carrying Out the Invention

[0026] Specific compounds and their β -secretase inhibiting effects are further described below.

20 [0027] Tables 1 to 3 make a relation between compound designation and structure.

Table 1:

Compound	R ₁	R ₆	R ₇	R ₈	R ₉
A1	(CH ₂) ₃ - N 	H	CF ₃	H	CF ₃
A2	(CH ₂) ₃ -OCH ₃	H	CF ₃	H	CF ₃
A3	(CH ₂) ₃ -OCH ₂ CH ₃	H	Cl	H	H
A4	(CH ₂) ₃ -OCH ₃	H	H	H	OCH ₃
A5	(CH ₂) ₂ -CH ₃	H	H	H	OCH ₃
A6	(CH ₂) ₃ - N 	H	H	CH ₃	CH ₃
A7	(CH ₂) ₂ -OCH ₃	H	CH ₃	H	H
A8	(CH ₂) ₂ -C ₆ H ₅	H	CH ₃	H	H



(continued)

Compound	R ₁	R ₆	R ₇	R ₈	R ₉
A9	(CH ₂) ₃ -OCH ₃		H	Cl	H
A10	CH ₂ -p- F- C ₆ H ₄		H	H	OCH ₃
A11	(CH ₂) ₂ -CH ₃		H	H	H
A12	CH ₂ -p- F- C ₆ H ₄		H	CF ₃	CF ₃
A13	(CH ₂) ₃ -OCH ₃		H	H	Br
A14	(CH ₂) ₃ -OCH ₂ CH ₃		Br	H	H

Table 2:

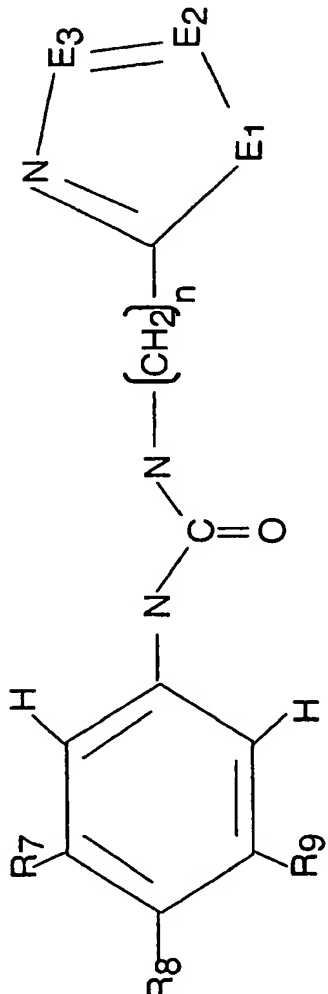
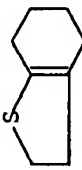

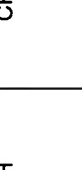
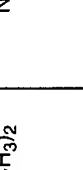
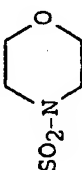
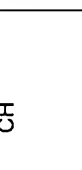

 <p>The chemical structure shows a benzene ring with substituents R7, R8, and R9. The ring is connected at the 1-position to a nitrogen atom, which is part of a carbonyl group (C=O). This carbonyl group is connected to a chain of n methylene groups, represented as [CH2]n. The chain is connected to a five-membered ring containing a nitrogen atom. The five-membered ring has substituents E1, E2, E3, and E4.</p>									
Compound	R ₇	R ₈	R ₉	E ₁	R ₄	E ₂	E ₃	R ₅	n
B1	CH ₃	H	CH ₃	NR ₄	CH ₃	CR ₅	N	S-CH ₂ -C ₆ H ₅	1
B2	CF ₃	Cl	H	NR ₄	CH(CH ₃) ₂	CR ₅	N	S-CH ₃	2
B3	H	H	COCH ₃	S	-	N	CR ₅	S-CH ₂ CH ₃	0
B4	OCH ₃	H	H	S	-	CR ₅	N	C(CH ₃)(O-C ₆ H ₅)	0

Table 3:

Compo und	R ₇	-[U] ⁿ -	B ₁	B ₂	B ₃	B ₄	B ₅
C1	OCH ₃	-(CH ₂) ₂ NH-	N	CCH ₃	N		
C2	H	-(CH ₂) ₂ NH-	N	CCH ₃	N		
C3	CH ₃		CH	CH		CH	CH
C4	H	-(CH ₂) ₂ O-	N		N	C-N(CH ₃) ₂	N
C5	H	-(CH ₂) ₂ O-	N	CNH(CH ₂ CH ₃)	N	C-NHC(CH ₃) ₃	N
C6	COCH ₃		CH	CH	CF	CH	CH

[0028] These compounds have been tested for their performance as β -secretase inhibitors.

[0029] The results of three different tests performed are listed in Tables 4 to 6 below.

[0030] The tests performed were

a) A β 1-40 (Sw) bioassay, which measures the amount of the amyloid peptide A β 1-40 in the supernatant of Swedish APP695 transgenic HEK293 cells in the presence of the various BACE inhibitors via ELISA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay). In the table, the inhibitory concentration that reduces A β 1-40 secretion to 50 % is indicated (IC₅₀), or the % reduction of A β 1-40 secretion at the indicated concentration.

b) SEAP bioassay, which measures the amount of the secreted reporter enzyme SEAP (secreted alkaline phosphatase) in the supernatant of transiently transfected HEK293 cells. A SEAP-APP(Sw)695 fusion protein is transiently expressed in HEK293 cells in the presence of the various BACE inhibitors. Secretion of the SEAP moiety upon cleavage at the APP β -site is quantitated via a luminescence readout. In the table, the inhibitory concentration that reduces secreted SEAP activity to 50 % is indicated (IC₅₀), or the % reduction of secreted SEAP activity at the indicated concentration.

c) FRET assay, which measures the activity of recombinant BACE enzyme in the presence of the various BACE inhibitors via a FRET (fluorescence resonance energy transfer)-based readout. In the table, the inhibitory concentration that reduces the activity of BACE to 50 % is indicated (IC₅₀), or the % reduction of the activity of BACE at the indicated concentration.

d) An additional in silico test was performed for the compounds listed in Tables 1 to 3. The compounds were docked with the FFLD approach (Budin et al., Biol. Chem. 382, 1365-1372, 2001) and their binding energy was evaluated with the LIECE method (Huang and Caflisch, J. Med. Chem. 47, 5791-5797, 2004). The affinity evaluated with LIECE is in the low micromolar range for most of these compounds.

Table 4

Compo und	A β 1-40 (Sw) bioassay (cell-based)	SEAP bioassay (cell-based)	FRET assay (in vitro)	LIECE Ki[μ M]
A1	IC ₅₀ 3.0 μ M	IC ₅₀ 3.5 μ M	IC ₅₀ 58 μ M	8.11
A2	IC ₅₀ 3.2 μ M	27 (3 μ M)	IC ₅₀ 284 μ M	9.35
A3	IC ₅₀ 2.6 μ M	23 (3 μ M)	IC ₅₀ 97 μ M	9.81
A4	IC ₅₀ 7.5 μ M	21 (6 μ M)	33 (100 μ M)	10.26
A5	IC ₅₀ 14.3 μ M	0 (6 μ M)	16 (100 μ M)	15.99
A6	IC ₅₀ 23 μ M	19 (12.5 μ M)	21 (100 μ M)	17.56
A7	IC ₅₀ 12.9 μ M	0 (12.5 μ M)	0 (100 μ M)	18.64
A8	IC ₅₀ 5.6 μ M	14 (3 μ M)	35 (100 μ M)	32.34
A9	IC ₅₀ 5.9 μ M	17 (3 μ M)	IC ₅₀ 46 μ M	32.56
A10	IC ₅₀ 3.1 μ M	10 (1.6 μ M)	IC ₅₀ 64 μ M	34.71
A11	IC ₅₀ 5.2 μ M	0 (6 μ M)	20 (200 μ M)	38.37
A12	IC ₅₀ 4.2 μ M	14 (1.6 μ M)	IC ₅₀ 131 μ M	39.41
A13	IC ₅₀ 3.8 μ M	25 (3 μ M)	37 (100 μ M)	50.09
A14	IC ₅₀ 7.8 μ M	0 (6 μ M)	0 (100 μ M)	66.41

Table 5:

Compo und	A β 1-40 (Sw) bioassay (cell-based)	SEAP bioassay (cell-based)	FRET assay (in vitro)	LIECE Ki[μ M]
B1	IC ₅₀ 18 μ M	0 (50 μ M)	0 (500 μ M)	11.85
B2	IC ₅₀ 40 μ M	0 (12.5 μ M)	0 (250 μ M)	28.53
B3	IC ₅₀ 1.6 μ M	IC ₅₀ 10 μ M	0 (25 μ M)	29.60
B4	IC ₅₀ 13 μ M	0 (12.5 μ M)	0 (500 μ M)	34.97

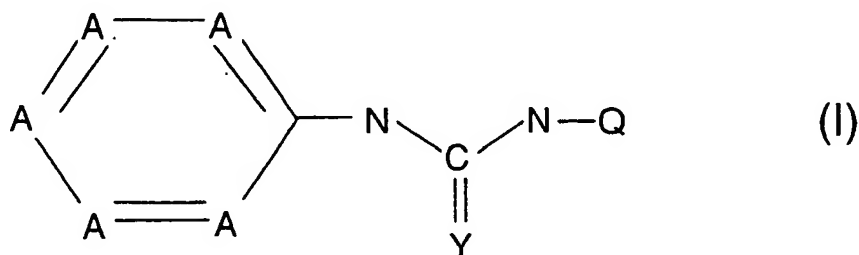
Table 6:

Compo und	A β 1-40 (Sw) bioassay (cell-based)	SEAP bioassay (cell- based)	FRET assay (in vitro)	LIECE Ki[μ M]
C1	21 (6 μ M)	0 (12.5 μ M)	0 (500 μ M)	15.37
C2	IC50 13 μ M	0 (12.5 μ M)	0 (500 μ M)	33.69
C3	IC50 22 μ M	0 (12.5 μ M)	0 (50 μ M)	15.96
C4	31 (12.5 μ M)	0 (12.5 μ M)	0 (500 μ M)	23.49
C5	IC50 10-20 μ M	0 (25 μ M)	0 (500 μ M)	32.95
C6	22 (25 μ M)	IC50 35 μ M	IC50 490 μ M	48.10

[0031] While there are shown and described presently preferred embodiments of the invention, it is to be distinctly understood that the invention is not limited thereto but may be otherwise variously embodied and practiced within the scope of the following claims.

Claims

1. β -secretase inhibitors of formula I



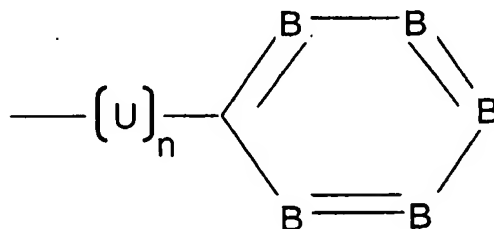
wherein

A = N or CR wherein

R is independently from each other selected from H, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, halo-C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkyl-carbonyl, halogen, an -NR₂R₃ group wherein R₂ and R₃ are independently from each other H, linear or branched C₁-C₆-alkyl, in particular linear or branched C₁-C₄-alkyl, or R₂ and R₃ form together with the nitrogen to which they are bound an aliphatic or aromatic 5- or 6-membered one or more heteroatoms comprising heterocycle, and wherein

Y = O or S

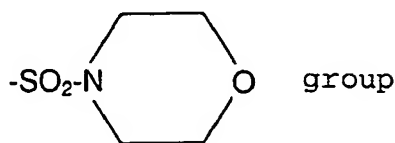
Q = an aromatic group or an araliphatic group having the following formula



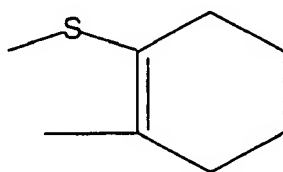
wherein

B = N or CR', wherein

R' is independently from each other selected from the group comprising hydrogen, halogen, in particular F, a C₁-C₆-alkyl group, in particular a C₁-C₄-alkyl group, an -NR₂R₃ group wherein R₂ and R₃ are independently from each other H, linear or branched C₁-C₆-alkyl, in particular linear or branched C₁-C₄-alkyl, or R₂ and R₃ form together with the nitrogen to which they are bound an aliphatic or aromatic 5- or 6-membered one or more heteroatoms comprising heterocycle, an amido group, an ester group, a



or two adjacent R' form the group



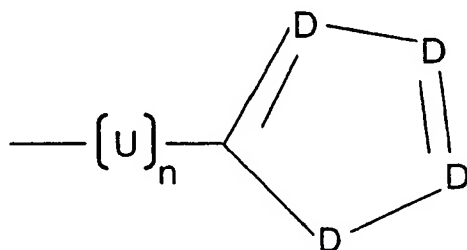
-U- = -CH₂-, C=O, -(CH₂)_nS-, -(CH₂)_nO-, -(CH₂)_nNH-, or



wherein the heterocycle is optionally substituted, in particular by one or two C₁-C₄-alkyl groups, or such that a bicycle is formed, and

n independently from each other is 0, 1 or 2

or Q has the following formula



wherein

D = O or S or N or NR₄ or CR₅, wherein

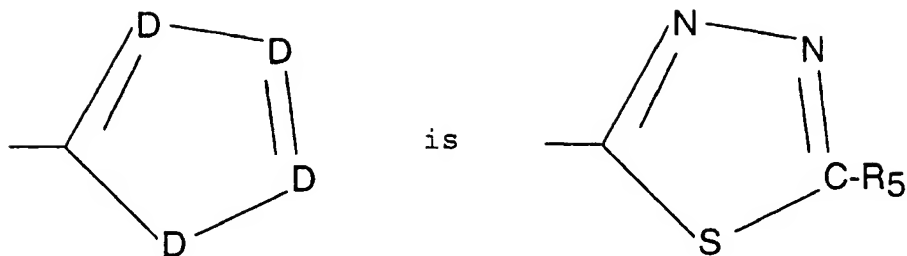
R₄ is linear or branched C₁-C₆-alkyl, in particular C₁-C₄-alkyl

R₅ is independently from each other selected from C₁-C₆-alkylthio, aryl-C₁-C₆-alkylthio, aryloxy-C₁-C₆-alkyl, arylthio-C₁-C₆-alkyl, alkyloxy-C₁-C₆-alkyl, alkylthio-C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkyloxy, aryl-C₁-C₆-alkyloxy and optionally substituted linear or branched C₁-C₆-alkyl,

U and n are as defined above,

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof

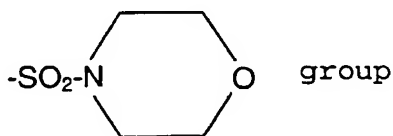
as pharmaceutical, with the proviso that in the case that n is 0 and



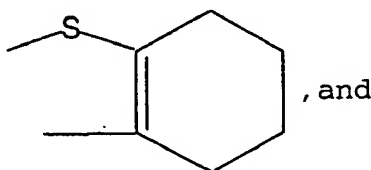
R_5 is substituted linear or branched C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, preferably linear or branched C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, with the substituent being selected from $O-R_{13}$ or $S-R_{13}$ or $N-R_{13}R_{13}'$ with R_{13} and R_{13}' being independently selected from the group consisting of unsubstituted or substituted 5- or 6-membered aryl, unsubstituted or substituted 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, with the substituents of the aryl or heteroaryl group being as defined for R, linear or branched C_1 - C_6 -alkyl and C_5 - C_6 -cycloalkyl, in particular from the group consisting of $O-R_{13}$ or $S-R_{13}$ with R_{13} being selected from the group consisting of 5- or 6-membered aryl, and linear or branched C_1 - C_4 -alkyl.

20 2. The β -secretase inhibitors of claim 1, wherein

R is independently from each other selected from H, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, halo- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl-carbonyl, halogen, an $-NR_2R_3$ group wherein R_2 and R_3 are independently from each other H or linear or branched C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, or R_2 and R_3 form together with the nitrogen to which they are bound an aliphatic or aromatic 5- or 6-membered one or more heteroatoms comprising heterocycle, R' is independently from each other selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, in particular F, a C_1 - C_4 -alkyl group, an $-NR_2R_3$ group wherein R_2 and R_3 are independently from each other H or linear or branched C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, or R_2 and R_3 form together with the nitrogen to which they are bound an aliphatic or aromatic 5- or 6-membered one or more heteroatoms comprising heterocycle, an amido group, and an ester group, a



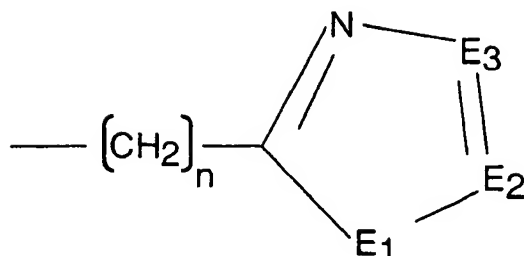
40 or two adjacent R' form a group



50 R_5 is independently from each other selected from C_1 - C_4 -alkylthio, aryl- C_1 - C_4 -alkylthio, aryloxy- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, arylthio- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, alkyloxy- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, alkylthio- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkyloxy, aryl- C_1 - C_4 -alkyloxy and optionally substituted linear or branched C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, preferably substituted linear or branched C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, with the substituent being selected from OR_{13} or $S-R_{13}$ with R_{13} being selected from the group consisting of 5- or 6-membered aryl, 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, linear or branched C_1 - C_4 -alkyl and C_5 - C_6 -cycloalkyl.

55 3. The β -secretase inhibitors of claim 1 or 2 wherein Q is an aromatic or araliphatic group as defined above or

Q is



wherein

$E_1 = NR_4$ or S or O, wherein

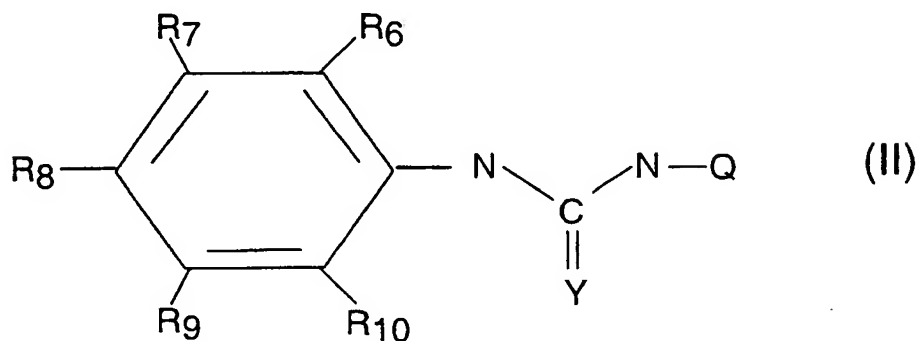
R_4 is linear or branched C_1 - C_4 -alkyl,

$E_2 = CR_5$ or N, wherein

R_5 is C_1 - C_4 -alkylthio, aryl- C_1 - C_4 -alkylthio, aryloxy- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl,

$E_3 = E_2$ with the proviso that if E_2 is CR_5 , E_3 is N and if E_2 is N, E_3 is CR_5 , and n is as defined above.

4. The β -secretase inhibitors of anyone of the preceding claims with formula II



wherein

$R_6 = H$ or halogen

$R_7 = H$, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, C_1 - C_4 -alkylcarbonyl, halo- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl or halogen,

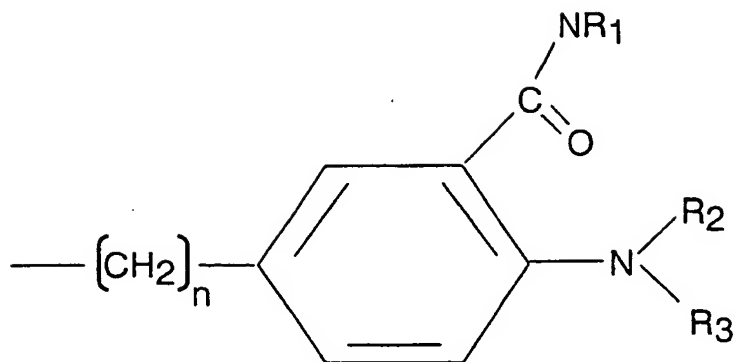
$R_8 = H$, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl or halogen,

$R_9 = H$, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy or halo- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl,

$R_{10} = H$ or halogen

Y and Q are as defined above, and

wherein Q is a group of the following formula



wherein

R₁ is optionally substituted C₁-C₄-alkyl,

wherein the substituents are selected from optionally halogen substituted aryl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, morpholinyl,

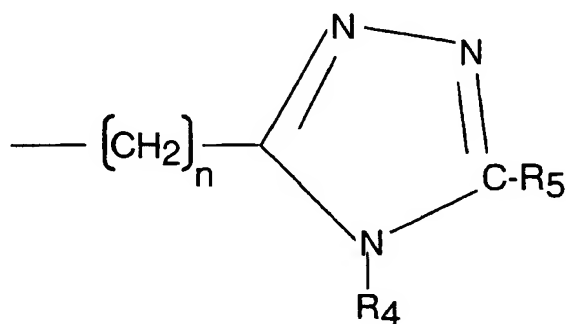
R₂ = C₁-C₆-alkyl,

R₃ = C₁-C₆-alkyl, or

R₂ and R₃ form together with the nitrogen to which they are bound a 5-membered or a 6-membered aromatic or aliphatic heterocycle, and

n = 0, 1 or 2,

or Q is a group of the following formula



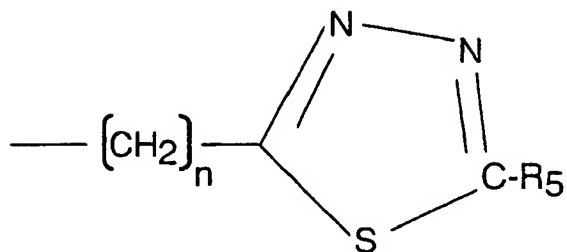
wherein

R₄ = linear or branched C₁-C₄-alkyl, in particular CH₃ or CH(CH₃)₂,

R₅ = is C₁-C₄-alkylthio or aryl-C₁-C₄-alkylthio, and

n = 1 or 2,

or Q is a group of the following formula

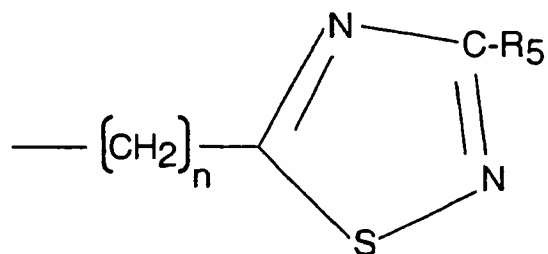


wherein

$n = 0$,

R_5 = aryloxy- C_1 - C_4 alkyl, in particular phenoxy- C_1 - C_4 alkyl, especially 1-phenoxy-ethyl,

or Q is a group of the following formula



wherein

$n = 0$,

R_5 = C_1 - C_4 alkylthio,

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

5. The β -secretase inhibitor of claim 4

wherein

R_6 = H or Br,

R_7 = H, Cl, CH_3 , OCH_3 , $CO-CH_3$, CF_3 ,

R_8 = H, CH_2CH_3 , CH_3 , Cl,

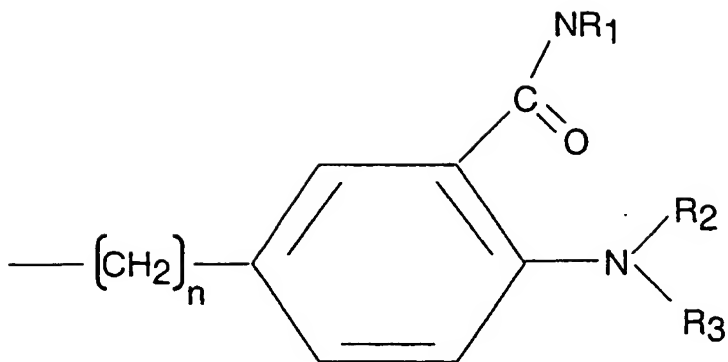
R_9 = H, CH_3 , OCH_3 , CF_3 ,

R_{10} = H, Br,

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

6. The β -secretase inhibitor of claim 4 or 5

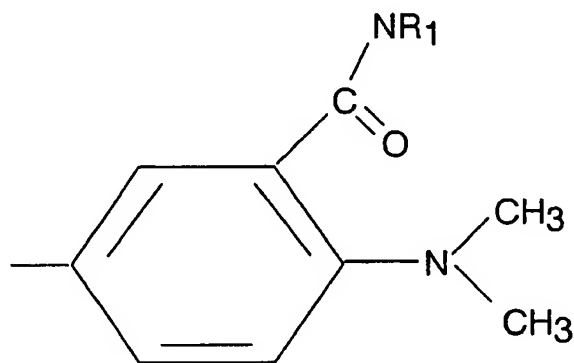
wherein Q is a group of the following formula



wherein

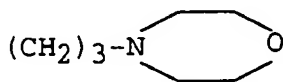
20 R_1 is optionally substituted C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, wherein the substituents are selected from optionally halogen substituted aryl, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, morpholinyl, $R_2 = C_1$ - C_4 -alkyl, $R_3 = C_1$ - C_4 -alkyl, and $n = 0$ or 1.

- 25 7. The β -secretase inhibitor of claim 6, wherein Q is

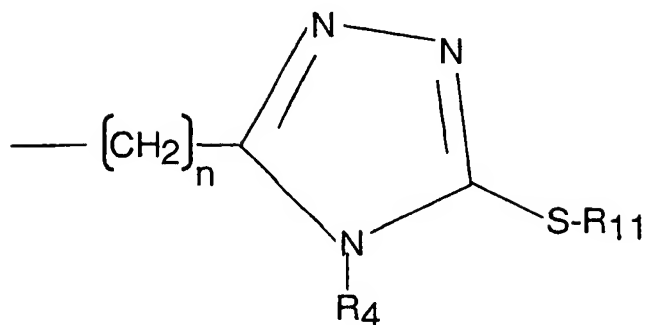


or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

- 45 8. The β -secretase inhibitor of claim 7, wherein R_1 is $CH_2CH_2CH_3$, $(CH_2)_3-OCH_3$, $(CH_2)_2-OCH_3$, $(CH_2)_3-OCH_2CH_3$, $CH_2CH_2-C_6H_5$, $CH_2-p-F-C_6H_4$, or



- 55 9. The β -secretase inhibitor of claim 4 or 5, wherein Q is



15 and wherein

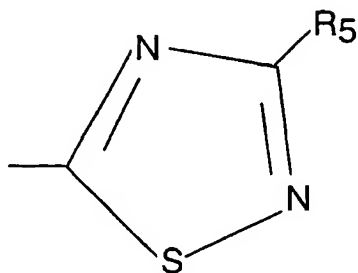
n is 1 or 2,

R₄ is CH₃, CH(CH₃)₂, and

R₁₁ is CH₃, CH₂CH₃, CH₂-C₆H₅,

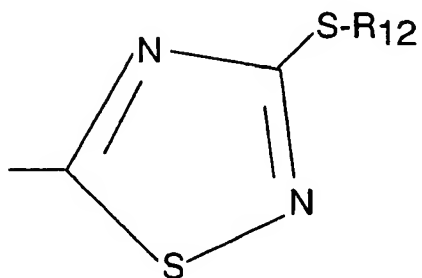
20 or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

10. The β -secretase inhibitor of claim 4 or 5, wherein Q is



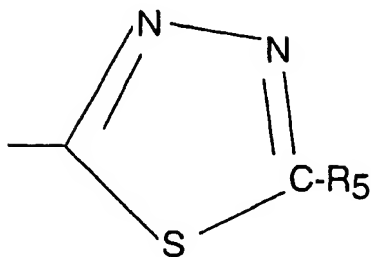
35 and wherein R₅ is as defined above,
or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

40 11. The β -secretase inhibitor of claim 10,
wherein Q is



55 wherein R₁₂ is CH₃ or CH₂CH₃, in particular CH₂CH₃,
or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

12. The β -secretase inhibitor of claim 4 or 5, wherein Q is



and wherein R_5 is as defined above,
or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

13. The β -secretase inhibitor of claim 12

wherein R_5 is $(CH_2)_m-(CR_{13})(OAr)$

wherein R_{13} is H, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, in particular methyl, Ar is phenyl or heteroaryl, in particular phenyl, and $m = 0, 1$ or 2, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

14. Use of a β -secretase inhibitor of anyone of the preceding claims, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in the manufacture of a medicament for inhibiting the production and/or the accumulation of amyloid beta-protein in warm blooded mammals, in particular human beings, especially for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease and or Down's syndrome and/or aging of brain.

15. A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one β -secretase inhibitor of anyone of claims 1 to 13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and optionally one or more adjuvants.

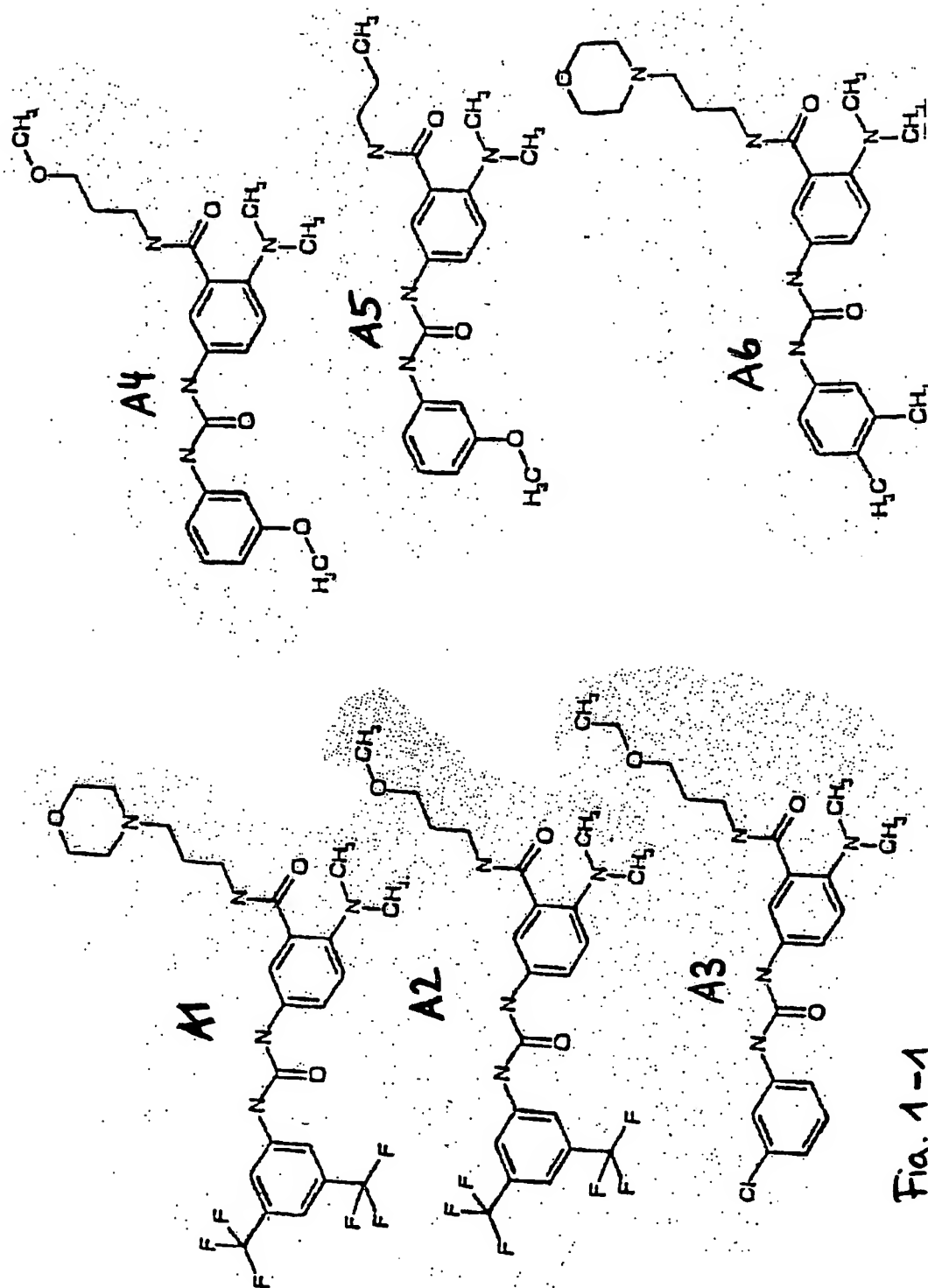


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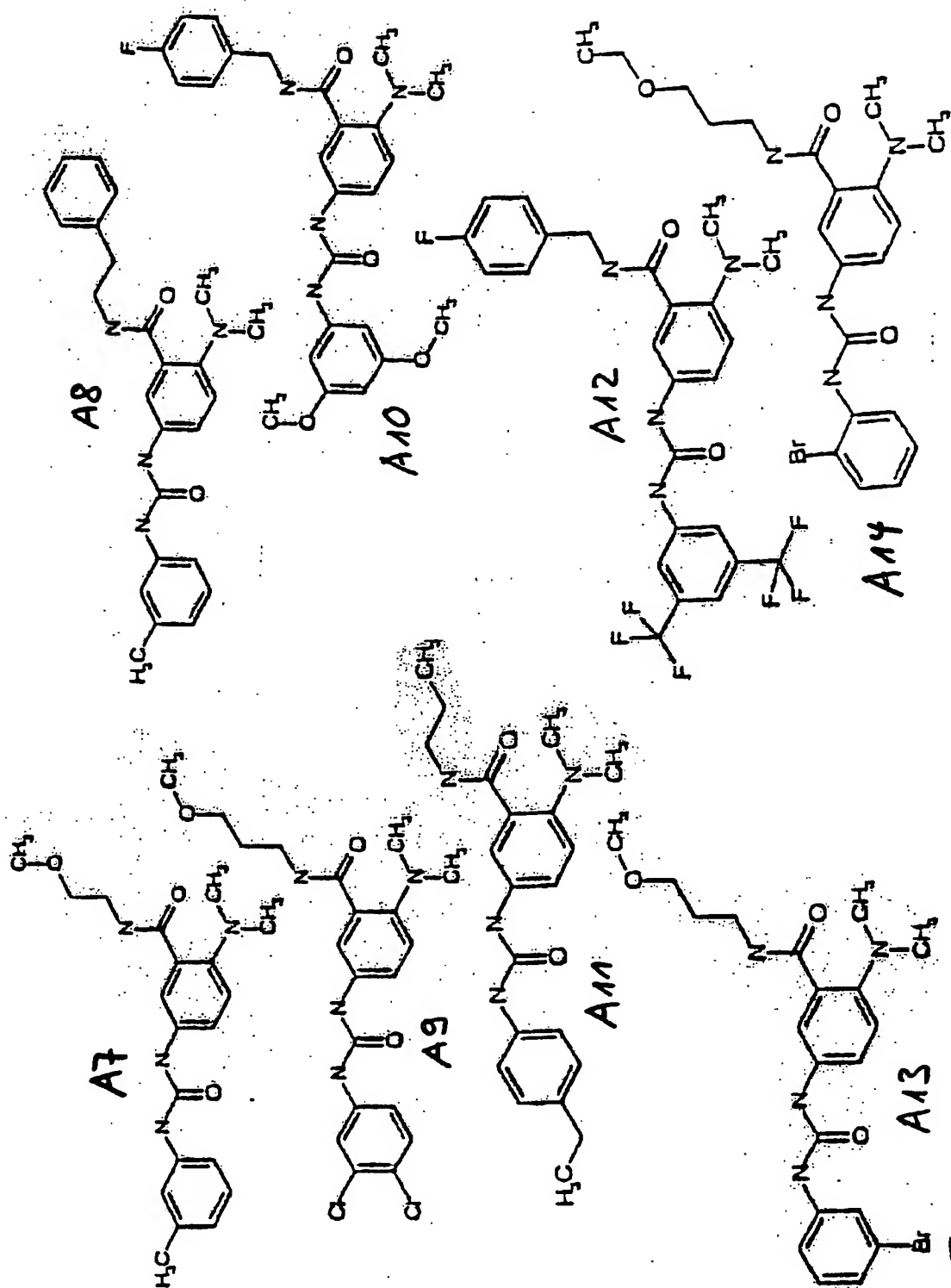


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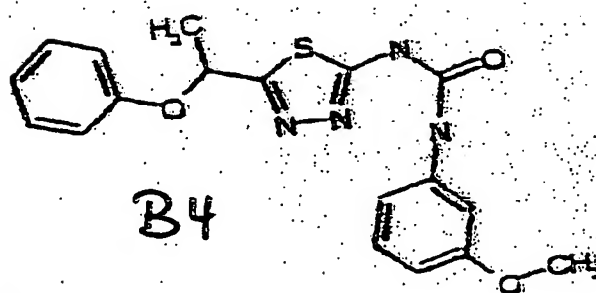
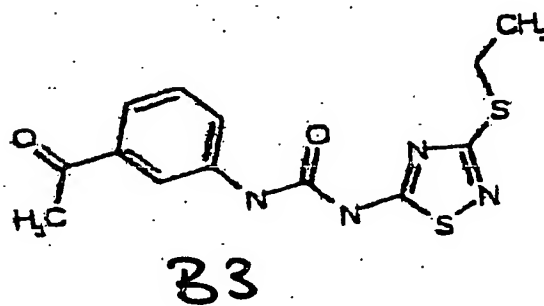
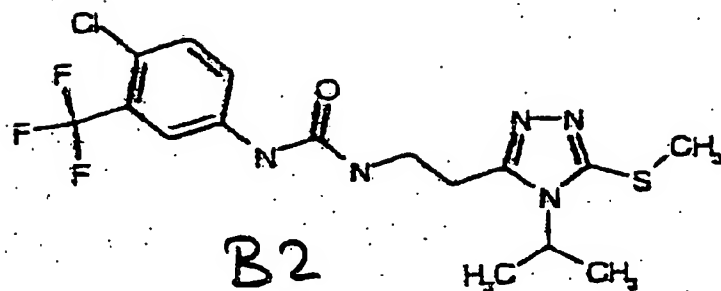
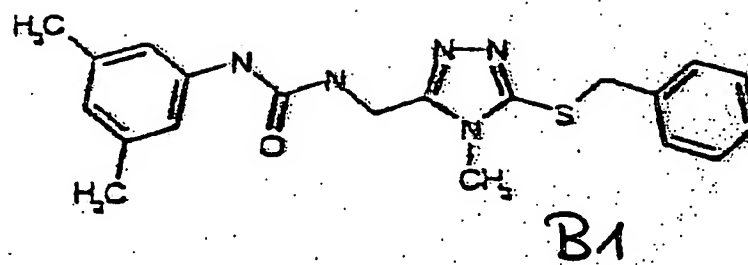


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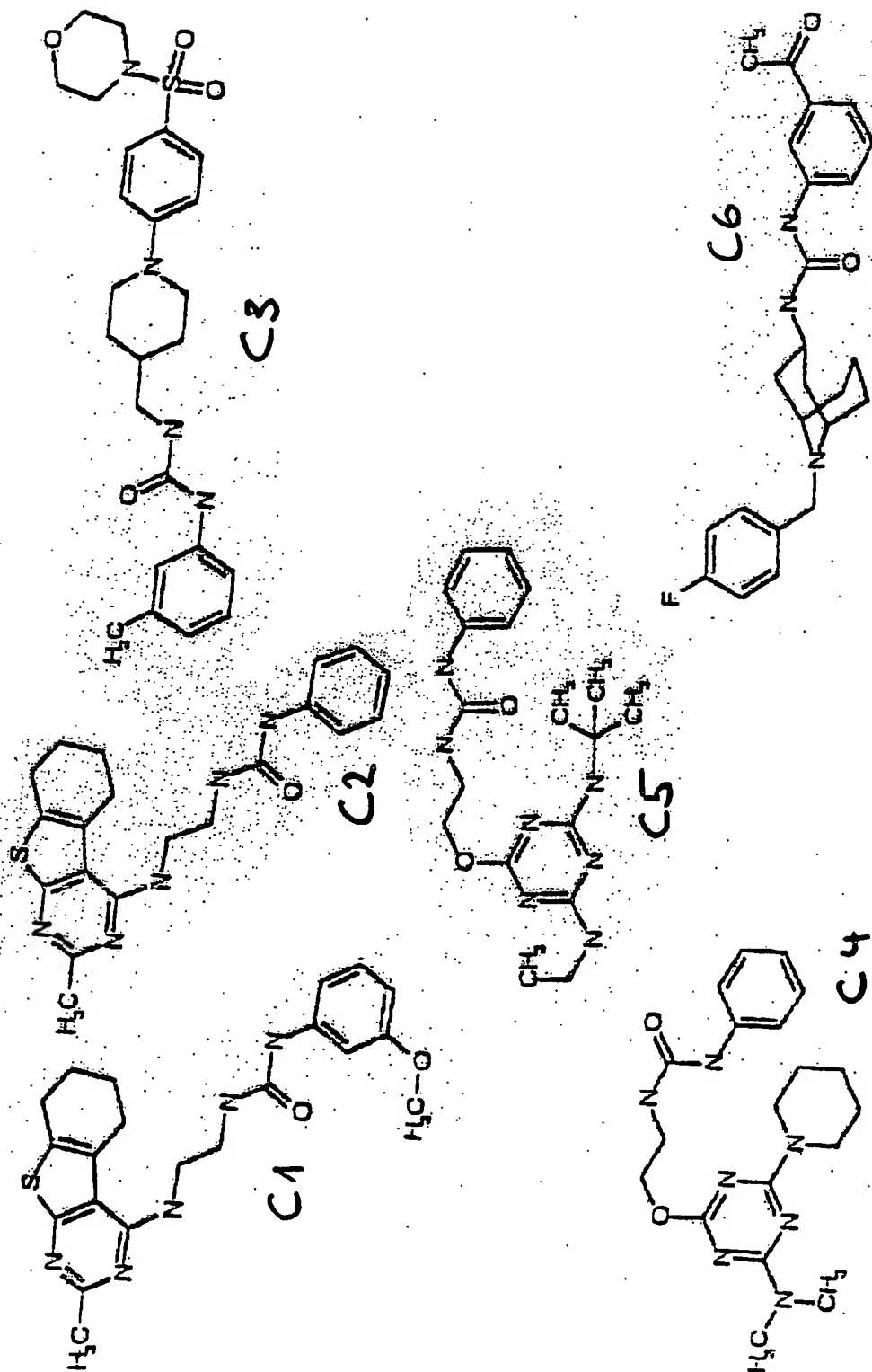


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Reason for the limitation of the search:

The present claims 1-3 and 14,15 relate to an extremely large number of possible compounds. Support and disclosure in the sense of Article 84 and 83 EPC is to be found however for only a very small proportion of the compounds claimed. For example, formula (I) includes compounds with a series of nitrogen atoms attached to each other which are commonly known to be unstable. Also, formula (I) is so broad that trivial and commonly known compounds such as diphenylurea are included in the claimed scope. The non-compliance with the substantive provisions is to such an extent, that a meaningful search of the whole claimed subject-matter of the claim could not be carried out (Rule 45 EPC and Guidelines B-VIII, 3). The extent of the search was consequently limited.

The search of claims 1-3 and 14,15 was restricted to the compounds which appear to be supported and a generalisation of their structural formulae, i.e. the compounds of claim 4 and their use.

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